

*****April 13, 2020*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on Monday, April 13, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Vice Mayor Amy Speek (joined at 6:07 p.m., left at 7:30 p.m.)
Councilmember Cheryl Graham
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock (joined at 6:25 p.m.)

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes

The minutes for the February 25, 2019 special meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the March 9, 2020 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience. There being no comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE AN ENGINE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEM AND ACCESSORIES, FROM AIR VACUUM CORPORATION, FOR THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND TWENTY-NINE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$15,029.00) TO BE INSTALLED IN FIRE STATION ONE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.

Mayor Landrum made a motion to discuss the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Graham. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with Councilmembers Graham and Lusk, Vice Mayor Speek and Mayor Landrum voting in favor of discussing the Resolution.

Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that this was a budgeted item. Mayor Landrum suggested that the item should be considered based on the current economic outlook. Councilmember Lusk noted during discussions that this equipment met the current O.S.H.A. standards for engine exhaust

removal. Mayor Landrum asked if there was a less expensive method. Mr. Veal said there may be, but that it would require individual connections to the trucks and other systems would not be compatible with the system at Fire Station #2.

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with the 4 Councilmembers present (Landrum, Speek, Graham, and Lusk) voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

Discussion

- a. Future Meetings – Means of Facilitating Public Comment. Council discussed that during electronic meetings, residents will call in and will be invited to speak at the appropriate time in the meeting.
- b. Update – Board openings.
 - i. Country Club Liaison – After discussion, Council asked Mr. Veal to reach out to the Country Club to ask them to make a recommendation for a liaison.
 - ii. Creating Trails Board – Mayor Landrum said he had spoken with Josh Rogers, Chairman of the Parks Board. Mayor Landrum said that Mr. Rogers had suggested creating a volunteer working group to assist staff by working on Town trails. After numerous ideas and extensive discussion, Mayor Landrum said he will have further discussion with Mr. Rogers.
- c. Prescribed Order of Business.
 - i. Board Reports - Mayor Landrum said that the Council's meeting agenda does not currently follow the Order of Business requirements set forth in the Town Code. Following discussion, Council agreed to change the agenda to reflect Town Code. Mayor Landrum asked that the new items be placed after Other Business on the agenda.
- d. Undertaking Strategic Planning Process. Council discussed the need for a strategic plan. Council agreed that Mayor Landrum will speak to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) Administrative Representative, Honna Rogers, to see if MTAS is willing to guide the discussions.
- e. Upcoming Election. Council discussed the fact that June 22nd is the opening date to file with the Election Commission for Council positions coming up for election this year.

Manager's Report

Mr. Veal explained that he is deeply into the budget process. He has scheduled meetings with Department Heads for later this week. He explained that a recent State Local Assistance Grant will be used to replace lost fund in the coming budget year.

Mr. Veal said that the Town received a Notice to Proceed for design on the Old Town sidewalk project.

Mr. Veal said he is investigating how to continue to operate the Recycle Center with minimum staff time and while minimizing contamination at the Recycle Center. He said he may change the functionality of the center by creating a drive through facility.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the Governor extended the stay at home provisions to April 30th.

Other Business

Mayor Landrum asked how revised operations are working at the transfer station. Mr. Veal replied that it is going fairly well, with just a few residents bringing items that are too large or construction materials, which the transfer station is not currently taking.

After some discussion, the Council agreed to move the time of the regular meetings to 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Graham said that the DRC met electronically last week and had unanimously approved a small expansion of the front door at the old FSG building.

Mayor Landrum questioned if a sign situated on Town right-of-way can be repaired. Mr. Veal said that if the repairs are made in a like fashion there would not be a problem.

Councilmember Lusk asked if Shoal Creek Road could be closed and used for pedestrian traffic only. Council held extensive discussion as to what is feasible and legal. Mr. Veal said the road will be closed for a few days to allow the TDOT contractor to park equipment. Mayor Landrum made a motion to place no parking signs at the overlook and parks and to place a no parking sign on Shoal Creek while construction is underway. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with the 4 Councilmembers present (Landrum, Graham, Lusk, and Murdock) voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the April 27, 2020 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Dan Landrum, Mayor



Recorder